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New Doubt Seen Cigs Aid Cancer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A scientific research director for the tobacco industry said this week that new evidence tends to "throw doubt" on charges that smoking causes lung cancer.

Dr. Clarence Cook Little, director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, emphasized "There are literally hundreds of studies indicating that many factors are involved in the complex chain that may result in lung cancer."

Little told the annual meeting of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Export Association that "no one really knows what part, if any, smoking plays in causing lung cancer."

Little cited studies which showed that most smokers never get lung cancer while many non-smokers get it. He said this has brought research into other possible causes of the disease such as air pollution, viruses, hormones, infective lung damage, poor nutrition, and occupational hazards by exposure to fuel fumes.

He told the tobacco men there was no evidence that smoking causes heart disease.

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Cancer-Smoking Link Unproved, MD Says

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NASHVILLE, Sept. 28. — Laboratory tests have failed to prove that lung cancer is caused by smoking, says Dr. Clarence Cook Little, scientific director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee.

"The vast majority of smokers never get lung cancer," Dr. Little declared, "while many non-smokers do get it."

He said scientists are studying several other possible causes, including air pollution, viruses, hormones, infective lung damage, poor nutrition, occupational hazards and fume from motor fuels.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco export Assn., Dr. Little, who has been a cancer researcher for 53 years, said: "There are literally hundreds of studies indicating that many factors are involved in the complex chain that may result in lung cancer."

In his speach he listed some facts brought to light through recent research into smoking and health:

● Chemical tests have not found any substance in tobacco made known to cause cancer or inconcentrations sufficient to account for reported skin cancer in animals.

● Attempts to produce lung cancer in animals by having them inhale tobacco smoke "have consistently failed to produce cancer."

The rise in reported lung cancer, according to Dr. Little, can be attributed to such factors as a larger population, better methods for diagnosing the disease and more accurate reporting of death causes.

The Tobacco Industry Research Committee does no research itself, but makes grants-in-aid to independent scientists. Dr. Little said the committee has made grants totaling $4 million to more than 100 scientists.

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John Donald at 6:45 P.M. over WBAI-FM (N.Y.), September 27, 1960.

SMOKING AS A CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER NOT PROVED

"The Scientific Director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, Dr. Clarence Cook Little, says new evidence tends to throw doubt on, rather than support, the charges against smoking as a major causative factor in lung cancer. Little said the industry committee has granted more than $4 million to researchers studying tobacco and health questions.

"Little said charges that smoking causes lung cancer had not been proved in the scientific laboratory."

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